

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chiarelli, et al.
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For: CONTROLLED AND CONTINUED DELIVERY OF
RIFAXIMIN AND/OR OTHER SUBSTANCES
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Response to the final Office Action mailed on December 4, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

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